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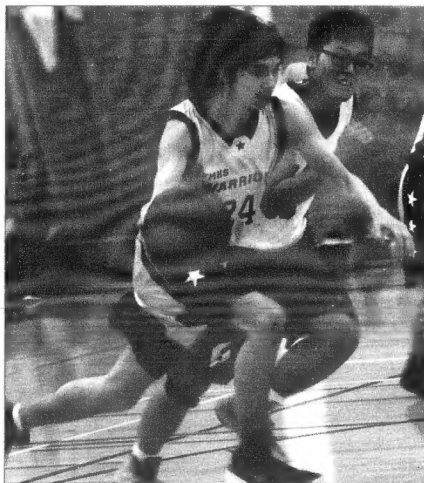
Beehive Support Services hosts its 38th annual charity auction to support its programs.

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TO THE BASKET OR BUST



The FMHS Warriors basketball team took the court against the Roland Michener Secondary School Rams from Slave Lake on the first day of a two-day basketball tournament hosted by the FMHS Warriors and Amazons last weekend (AT LEFT). The team from Evansburg's Grand Trunk High School would go on to win the boys' side of the Feb. 7-8 tournament with Thunderchild as the runner up. On the girls' side Grand Trunk once again brought home the championship, with the FMHS Amazons clinching the runner up position. The Amazons also received the Sportsmanship Award for the tournament. The tournament welcomed teams from Breton, Evansburg, Edson, Slave Lake, Thunderchild and Umkway. For more pictures from the tournament turn to pg. 17.

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Drayton Valley Rotary Interact members spent 24 hours in the elements to help raise funds for ShelterBoxes to assist people in the Philippines still without the basic necessities after Typhoon Haiyan last year. The group from left: Joanne Starrett, Amanda Smith, Justin Mazurek, Michelle Dressler, Emily Alger, Alicia Porter and Colton Chamberlain (front, centre).

Teens take on the cold

▶ Youth get outside their comfort zone for fundraiser

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Members of the local Rotary Interact Club got out of their element and into the elements when they spent 24 hours at the Pembina Nordic Ski Trails last weekend.

The venture was in support of their ongoing fundraising campaign to send ShelterBoxes to the Philippines to assist families still displaced after Typhoon Haiyan. The group decided that along with fundraising they wanted to get a small taste of what it would be like to be without the comforts of home, including leaving all their electronics behind.

"But us in our own ShelterBox situation," explained Rotary Interact President Justin Mazurek.

ShelterBoxes provide recipients with basic necessities that include a tent, blankets, a multi-fuel stove, water purification system, basic tools and other items that can be added depending on the destination.

By mid-afternoon on Saturday the sun was out, but the temperature was still chilly as club members sat around the firepit warming up. They'd already had a busy morning cutting snow blocks and building a partial igloo, preparing the ingredients for stew and cooking it over the fire and making banquets over the flames. After the brief respite they were headed out on the trails for some skiing.

Six members of the club in total were spending the full 24 hours and all of these around the fire on Saturday afternoon admitted it was not their comfort zone. They also all confirmed they were wearing several layers to combat the frosty temperatures.

The group had set a goal of raising enough to purchase 10 ShelterBoxes, which are distributed by ShelterBox teams in the areas they're most needed.

"Before we had even started our camp out we had reached that goal," said group member Emily Alger.

Not just soliciting donations, the group and their families were putting their own funds in as well.

"All of us contributed to our own ShelterBox," said Mazurek, noting members each contributed at least \$100 of their own

money and some extra funds from friends and family for a box from the Interact Club.

While recent fluctuating temperatures ended the campers' plans to build snow caves to sleep in, they were prepared to bunk down in the ski chalet. With no electricity and heat provided by a single wood stove, the teens were getting ready to take shifts making sure the fire didn't go out overnight.

Already by Saturday afternoon the campers had welcomed a number of visitors coming out to show their support. Support for their camp out was strong going into it, especially once people found out the electronics would be staying in the "off" position.

"The cell phones were a big sell," said club member Colton Chamberlain of people getting behind the fundraising goals.

Sunday morning the Interact Club had the site cleaned up and were on their way home at 10 a.m.

However, it's not the end of their fundraising efforts. Club members will be auctioned off at the upcoming Rotary Diamond Gala. All proceeds from that will also go to their ShelterBox project.

To find out more about ShelterBoxes go online to www.shelterboxcanada.org.

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our editorial

Community stands behind importance, value of Beehive

Last weekend those attending the annual Beehive Charity Auction were vastly having a good time as they bid on the items donated for the annual event.

The auction is the staple fund-raiser for Beehive Support Services, an organization started back in 1975 by local residents who wanted to see programs and resources for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Although portions of its mandate have evolved in its close to four decades of operation, the goal of providing support for those with developmental challenges, and their families in the community where they live has remained the same. The programs and resources provided by the Beehive help its clients find jobs, live independently and be valued members of the community.

Like the majority of organizations, it faces the pressures of rising costs, less funding and continuing demand for its services. That makes money raised at its fundraisers, especially the auctions, vitally important.

This year Executive Director Dwayne Henley said some of the money raised can be put into repairs and renovations needed

on housing units owned by the Beehive where some of its clients live. Necessary costs like those can't always be accommodated in budgets where a finite amount of money needs to be stretched in a number of different directions.

Businesses and individuals are facing an ever-increasing amount of requests for donations, either financial or of goods. Many of the requests are for very worthwhile causes that have great benefits to the community and people who live here. However, it's not realistic to think that everyone can contribute to everything. So the fact that the Beehive had another successful auction where they anticipate raising on par, or above, what they did last year, shows how important the community feels the Beehive and its clients are.

From its grass roots beginnings close to four decades ago the Beehive has proven itself to be an organization not just in the community, but involved in the community in a number of ways.

The fact that residents and businesses have now been supporting it through its annual auction for 38 years shows they recognize that and want it to continue into the future.

GAMES OF THRONES



How Zumba ruined my playlist

A number of years ago I had the chance to see Canadian singer Serena Ryder perform at the Mariposa Folk Festival when I was working in Orillia, Ont. I enjoyed her performance and picked up some of her CDs. Since then I've found myself enjoying much of her new material. The same went for her latest offerings on her album Harmony. In particular I found myself raving about a song called "I love this song!"

Several months ago a friend and I decided we would give Zumba a try. Despite some trepidation about problems that might be caused by my lack of coordination I decided to go for it. Up until now, while the execution of some of my moves are not quite on point (or should that be on point? Google was unsure), I haven't yet fallen on my face. It's been good, and fun, and even a little tiring. The music is upbeat and at times I can pretend I'm busting out my moves on a dance floor, not at a gym.

So, the first time I heard the opening strains of Stompa come



There and Back
Courtney Whalen

over the speaker I was quite excited. "I love this song!" I thought, and maybe even exclaimed aloud. "I can't wait to see what moves we'll be busting out to this one!"

And then I saw it. It turned out that the majority of the moves were of bobbing and head-dipping, but it's no use. I hate squats and variations of squats.

Oh, I know they're good and wonderful and will make things look great in the long run. I know it's going to be worth it. I know one day I may even be able to execute them without my legs turning to jelly and the inevitable inescapable urge to cry. It

doesn't mean I will ever stop loathing them.

And now, thanks to Zumba which I love in so many ways besides this one, I loathe Stompa too.

I know I'm projecting. I know I'm taking out my negative feelings about squats on poor Serena Ryder's catchy song which I loved just months ago. It doesn't matter.

Now every time Stompa comes up on the shuffle I shudder and my legs start screaming in pain.

My legs start screaming in pain. I know I'm projecting. I know I'm taking out my negative feelings about squats on poor Serena Ryder's catchy song which I loved just months ago. It doesn't matter.

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Letters to the editor

"Editor's Note"

Grade 4 students from Aurora Elementary School wrote letters to the editor as part of their community awareness campaign "Watch Our Waste Line."

Dear Editor,

Conserving resources and preserving our environment — can you think of one thing that connects them?

If you guessed plastic you are right. Since plastic is made with crude oil, when you recycle plastic, you save some crude oil. Oil is a non-renewable resource, so we should do all that we can to save it. Recycling 1 tonne of plastic means that 11 barrels of our wonderful crude oil are saved. We have become very dependent on plastic and plastic products so that is causing us some major difficulties.

One problem with plastic is that it does not decompose. In fact, it can take anywhere from 5 years to 1 million years for one plastic bag to degrade. It all depends on the type of plastic that the object that you are throwing away is made out of and whether or not the disposed item is exposed to air.

The plastic that you are recycling should be either one of these types: photodegradable, which means it is supposed to dissolve in

sunlight and then there is biodegradable which means bacteria and fungi can eat it (to get rid of it).

Using degradable plastics is still not the whole answer because many of these degradable plastics do not work as well as regular plastics. Our landfills are filling up with plastics at an alarming rate. In the U.S. approximately 86 per cent of their plastic waste actually ended up in their landfill.

We can reduce plastic by rethinking about the plastic products that we buy. We can do simple things like buying some bowls from bulk bins, using matches or metal reusable lighters instead of plastic lighters, using cloth diapers, making juice instead of buying juice, buying detergents in boxes not bottles and returning plastic containers from the farmers' market (fruit or vegetable) to the farmers' market that you bought it at.

Remember to stop buying plastic. To you plastic producers, please find another more degradable product to make! SAVE OUR RESOURCES AND OUR PLANET!

Jenna Harrison,
Aurora Grade 4

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The cost of new adventures

As I sit here in my office, in the room under the stairs at the Total Works Fitness Centre, I notice people on the treadmills and the stationary bikes. Upstairs, I hear users clang and bang the weights, sometimes dropping them so hard that the walls in my office shake.

As spring approaches, I think about activities I would like to do this year to increase my fitness level. I realize that it might cost a little bit of money to get involved in a new sport. But then again, if I spend money on a sport, I may just be encouraged to not give up as easily. Better yet, this sparks an opportunity to go shopping!

First of all, I want to purchase a cover for the box of my truck. It will be my most expensive purchase and be very versatile throughout my recreational adventures. This will become my home away from home when I choose to be active at a destination in the mountains. The one I want costs approximately \$2,200 plus the additional kayak rack pack.

Playing in the outdoors also involves getting equipment to go camping.



From the Rec Desk
Kerry Doran

Thanks to modern technology, there is now gear that every outdoor enthusiast must have! The minimum I need to spend here is about \$500. If I want a GPS unit (so I don't get lost) I will have to spend more. There is also stylish yet useful clothing to protect me from the elements in the outdoors. I will set a budget of \$500 for this however, I will most likely spend way more. Don't forget hiking boots; add \$150.

I plan on taking my furry friend with me as a backpack for a St. Bernard and other doggy equipment is needed including baggies for picking up her... well, you know. Copper also needs her yearly shots and a bill of clean health before we

Dear Editor,

Twelve million tons of electronic waste is thrown out each year. That makes me feel worried. Big old TVs have five pounds of lead and have other harmful metals such as mercury, and many chemicals such as PVCs and flame retardants.

About 600 million pounds of tech trash are produced in the U.S. Workers that are making computer chips have 40 per cent more miscarriages and are more likely to die from blood cancer, brain cancer and kidney cancer.

What do we do about this problem? I think we need to repair, recycle, reuse and reduce our electronic waste. For every one million cell phones that are recycled, 35,274 pounds of copper and palladium are recycled. Copper is a precious metal and palladium is highly toxic and it can cause cancer. I think we can reduce our waste by making recycling clubs.

Most importantly, I think we should rethink how we spend our time. We should be going outside and being active so we can learn how to entertain ourselves without any of this. This choice will make a big difference!

Josh Hutchinson,
Aurora Grade 4



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According to Environment Canada, Canadians use 50 million pieces of paper and paperboard. However, only one fourth of Canada's waste paper and paperboard is recycled. Recovered paper is used to make many products including, paper, paper products, paper towels, and napkins, corrugated boxes, and hygiene products. We're living half of the world's paper we would need twenty million acres of forestland. My concern is that if Canada keeps throwing paper away, we will have to chop down

more and more trees, until we have none. Trees are important because one tree produces enough oxygen for three people. Here are some of the ways you can save trees:

By recycling 2,000 pounds of paper, it can save seven trees. But it's enough oxygen for fifty one people! People have to recycle a lot of paper to save trees. In fact if you recycle 54kg of news paper you will save one tree. Always recycle!

Liam Payne,
Aurora Grade 4

Around the water cooler..

We're to buy a 2nd edition of the water cooler for you this week. There's a very special birthday to mark this week. We want to send huge birthday wishes to one of our very good friends, Connie Long. Connie celebrates on Feb. 16. We sure to give her your best wishes if you see her this week.

We have so much coming up in the community in the next little while it's incredible. But first let's take a few moments to say our congratulations to all those who were involved in the Brexite Charity Auction last Saturday. This year saw a new venue for this yearly tradition, but the support of the community remained the same. It was a great way to spend an afternoon.

We've got a three day weekend coming up for Family Day and there's lots going on. Monday bring the family out to the Aspen Waste Management Facility from 1-4 p.m. for recycling, wagon rides, snow shoveling and more. At the Drayton Valley Ski Hill there will also be tobogganing and tubing there. If you would rather strap on some skates you can head down to the Omplex for free skate from 1-4 p.m.

Don't forget that Drayton Valley and District FCSS is also taking part in the Disconnect to Connect program. But aside your electronic and mobile devices for the day and don't forget to log your hours at www.fcssa.ab.ca. Whatever you choose to do, do it as a family!

Starting next week is a great program for people of all ages. The Making Financial Cents program starts Feb. 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The program offers a number of different sessions from budgeting and financial planning to financing post secondary education and estate planning. All sessions are free and held at Campus Alberta for more information and to register call 780-514-2294.

We've got some news from Pastor Deborah at the Drayton Valley United Church who sent us this note:

"Did you know that we have a book club running? We are reading 'The Book Thief'. Come join us March 16th at 7 p.m." So, if you love to read and enjoy great company, join that on your calendar for next month.

Do you love animals? Do you also love to laugh? Then be sure to get your tickets for the third annual Cows for Critters comedy show. This year's event on Mar. 20 will feature three comedians, a silent auction and 50-90 draw. Tickets are \$20 and available at various locations around town and at the shelter. For more info call 780-896-7297.

Marriage Commissioner Colleen Sekura has made the draw for a free wedding in recognition of her 25 years performing marriages in the area. The winners were Shelby Martin and Maverick Garon who are getting hitched this summer.

There's lots more coming up, so you'll have to watch in upcoming water cooler columns, as that's all we have time for this week.

Send your birthday and anniversary wishes to courtney.whalen@sunmedia.ca to be included. Have an amazingly awesome week.

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Skid steer stolen from Buck Lake

Sometime over night on Jan. 31 a skid steer was stolen from a property located off the Maywood Rd. south of Buck Lake. The skid steer is a 2006 John Deere Model 332, track drive, yellow and black in colour. A Gripple attachment for the skid steer was also stolen at that time.

On Jan. 30 and 31, approximately \$90 worth of fuel was stolen from two vehicles parked in a yard located off of Rt. 63, a few hundred metres south of Buck Lake. The house was stolen.

Sometime between Jan. 24 and Jan. 25, a dark blue coloured Ford F-250 pickup truck was stolen from a farm yard located south of Battle Lake in RR 201.

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POLICE KILLED

A 24-year-old man who attempted to run from police last month was sentenced to spend 45 days in custody last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court.

On Jan. 20 Drayton Valley RCMP officers were on Power Centre Boulevard when they saw a man they recognized as Dorian Bell reaching into the back of a parked vehicle in a parking lot. Police pulled into the parking lot and when the 24-year-old saw them he started running, despite being told to stop by officers. Witnesses told police they had seen Bell run into

the field. Officers pursued on foot. Another officer was alerted and Bell was caught.

At the time Bell was on several court-ordered conditions including one that said he was to be in his residence at all times. Last week he pleaded guilty to breaching that condition as well as resisting a peace officer for fleeing from police.

Last week Judge Marilyn White noted that Bell has 22 prior criminal convictions before she sentenced him to 45 days in jail on each of the charges. The sentences are to be served concurrently (at the same time) and he was given credit for 15 days spent in pre-sentence custody.

"Continue to keep going on this route and you'll be doing much

more than 45 days in the future," she told him.

DATED CHARGES
RESULT IN JAIL TIME

A man pleaded guilty to charges dating from 2009 last week in Drayton Valley Provincial Court. Ryan Seguin pleaded guilty to charges of failing to attend court, failing to comply with probation and being in possession of a stolen licence plate.

After being put on probation in 2008, the court heard that Seguin failed to report to his probation officer for appointments during a period of time in 2009.

Then on Feb. 1, 2009 Drayton Valley RCMP were called to investigate an unrelated matter involving Seguin. When they checked the licence plate on the vehicle he was associated with they discovered it didn't match the vehicle. Further investigation determined the owners of the plate hadn't even realized it had been taken from their vehicle.

The third charge related to a court date in Drayton Valley Provincial Court when Seguin did not show up.

Last week he was sentenced to 88 days in custody on the charges and was given credit for 30 days spent in pre-sentence custody.

REACHES BRING CUSTODY

A man was sentenced to 25 days in jail after pleading guilty to three charges of breaching conditions.

On Jan. 9 RCMP were called to reports of a physical dispute between a man and woman. When police arrived they found the man involved Lorne Leboe. He was no longer on the scene but they reached the woman had visible marks on her face from the altercation. At the time of the incident Leboe was under conditions not to have any contact with the woman.

The following day Leboe was located in the Hamlet of Lodgepole, where he was under conditions not to be in possession of drugs or alcohol. He was under conditions not to be in possession of drugs or alcohol.

Last week Judge Marilyn White told Judge Marilyn White that he knew he wasn't to be in Lodgepole, but the woman he had the altercation with was at the home where he was staying so

he had nowhere else to go except the hamlet.

He was sentenced to 25 days in jail on each of the three charges to be served concurrently. He was also given credit for 25 days spent in pre-sentence custody. Leboe was also sentenced to a period of probation for the assault charge he also pleaded guilty to.

TIME SERVED FOR RETURNING
TO DRAYTON VALLEY

Taking the dog for 30 days in jail on each of the three charges was supposed to be living in Manitoba.

Last week Shane Hopke pleaded guilty to failing to comply with conditions.

On Jan. 4 members of the Drayton Valley RCMP were in a parking lot when they saw Hopke walk by with a dog. Officers knew he was on conditions to live in Manitoba. He was arrested.

Last week Judge Marilyn White advised Hopke to go back to Manitoba if he wanted to avoid being arrested again before sentencing him to 11 days in jail with a credit for 11 days spent in pre-sentence custody.

RCMP briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

SHOOTING SUSPECT ARRESTED

A suspect in a shooting last month where a man was injured has been arrested.

On Feb. 1 a man Drayton Valley RCMP have identified as a suspect in the Jan. 19 shooting was arrested by members of the Edmonton Police Services (EPS) on an unrelated investigation. Once arrested EPS members found he was wanted on an arrest warrant for charges related to the shooting.

The man appeared in Drayton Valley Provincial Court last week from the Edmonton Remand Centre where he was being held in custody. He will be back in court on Mar. 4.

In the Jan. 19 shooting a man was sent to hospital with a gunshot wound.

Drayton Valley RCMP Cpl. Marcia McBurnett said police are still looking for other suspects related to the incident and the investigation is ongoing.

MAN REPORTED MISSING
FOUND SAFE AND SOUND

A 24-year-old man who reportedly just walked away from a work site on Feb. 2 was located safely later that day. Police were called by a co-worker who reported the 24-year-old had gone missing in the bush near Cyn. 48. At the time he left the work site the man was not wearing suitable clothing for the weather.

The services of a police dog were called in to help locate the man and RCMP also contacted air services to assist in finding the man. The air serv-

ices was cancelled en route to the location when the man was located safe and sound.

CO-OPERATION MAKES
IT HAPPEN

A co-operative effort between the Drayton Valley General Investigation Section, Penn West security and the Edmonton Police Services has resulted in the recovery of stolen property.

Last November a Penn West work tablet, valued at approximately \$6,000 was stolen from a vehicle. In the ensuing months local police have been working in conjunction with the other agencies to locate the stolen property and those responsible for taking it.

Last week police had enough information that members of Drayton Valley GIS were able to write a search warrant that was subsequently executed successfully with the recovery of the tablet.

POLICE LOOKING FOR
INFORMATION

Drayton Valley RCMP is looking for the public's help after overhearing telephone wires were damaged between Jan. 25-31.

The phone lines, located in the alley behind businesses in the 5100 block of 52 Ave. were pulled down, resulting in damage to the lines, guide wires and even some structural damage to buildings themselves.

Police believe a large truck driving down the alley may have caused the damage after catching on the low hanging telephone lines.

Anyone who witnessed the damage being caused, or has information, is asked to contact Drayton Valley RCMP.

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Former resident staying strong against the odds

► Fundraiser for Jayden Stad will be held Mar 8 at Mackenzie Conference Centre

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

Twelve-year-old Jayden Stad isn't letting phrases like "brain tumour" or "inoperable" and "life expectancy" make him lose hope and his determination is keeping his family strong as it faces the "best worst thing" just now ahead.

"He's the one keeping everyone together," said Tracy Aulair last week.

Last November family and friends started noticing something was different about Jayden. That was followed by a persistent illness that saw the 12-year-old getting sick every day. Visits to the doctor couldn't pinpoint what was causing the illness. Then, over the Christmas holidays, Jayden mentioned to family he was having trouble with his vision. It was early in January, after getting into the "surgery" and being sent for CT and MRI scans that Jayden's mom, Tracy Aulair, dad Randy Stad and Uncle Don Aulair met with the neurologist team and they were told Jayden had Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG). Located on the brain stem, the doctors told the family it is an incurable, inoperable tumour. Radiation treatment could help buy Jayden one to two more years, doctors said.

A DIPG tumour works itself to the middle of the brainstem before growing between nerve cells, attaching itself to nerve receptors of the cerebrum and spinal cord. This impacts functions such as hearing, sight and mobility.

That night they told Jayden about the diagnosis, but not the timeline that accompanied it, although he's aware of it now. From that moment on, Aulair said his nephew, an avid gamer with an infectious smile, has taken on a "don't worry, I've got this" attitude that has his uncle in awe.

The very next day Jayden started doing some of his own research and immediately decided to put himself on a holistic diet and started looking

into other therapies and treatments.

"He's the biggest advocate of it all," said Don Aulair. "But he's not the only one. The family is just as determined to find any way possible to fight his fight against DIPG."

"You're on the Internet and you're looking," said Don Aulair.

Mom Tracy, who is a house of rights, has quit her job with Edmonton Police Services to focus on helping Jayden and the rest of the family navigate this unexpected and unwelcome journey.

The family is looking at the possibility of a stay in the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., which is one of the hospitals to have had any kind of success in the removal of tumours of this type.

The decision would have great risk as other doctors have said the tumour is inoperable, but Don Aulair said the family is re-evaluating every possibility they can find.

"There's a few things we're working around now," he said. "Through it all, Jayden, who will turn 13 on Feb. 27, is staying strong. In January, despite having just found out about the DIPG, he wanted to stick with

his routine.

"The day he got out of hospital, he said he wanted to go to school," said Don Aulair. "He did for a little while, but now a new routine, including a series of radiation, has taken over."

While the family comes together to support each other, support is also coming from friends, family, Jayden's school community and many others.

Although they now live in Sherwood Park, the family spent a number of years in Drayton Valley and still has many friends in the area.

It is because of that a fundraiser has been planned for May. It is in addition to one being held in Sherwood Park this coming weekend. The local fundraiser is close to sold out, with some extra tables being added just last week.

Funds raised through the planned events, as well as online through GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/forjaydenstad) or the Jayden Stad Trust Fund through the TD Bank, will go to support medical costs, costs for Jayden's new organic diet and potential medical treatments.

Don Aulair said the family is still looking for items for the live and silent auctions that will be

part of the Drayton Valley fund-raiser.

Reaching out to others is something new for the family, and they couldn't be more thankful for how people have

come together to support Jayden in his fight, he said.

"We're a family that's never asked for anything, so this is kind of humbling."

Anyone interested in donating or inquiring about the availability of tickets is asked to contact Dion Aulair at 780-542-4151 or e-mail 1dionaulair@gmail.com.

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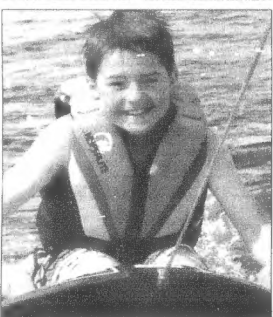


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The discovery of Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, an incurable and inoperable brain tumour, has made Jayden Stad determined to do everything he can in his fight against it.

news

Housing remains priority for Drayton Valley council

► Housing Condition Index report sets out a number of goals, recommendations for council to consider

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

If the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County are looking for suggestions on ways to approach the area's housing problems, a recent report has 28 of them to choose from.

The Drayton Valley and Brazeau County Housing Condition Index (Update 2013) was commissioned last year by the neighbouring municipalities to get a clearer picture of what the housing gaps in the community are. Consultants used hard data from the Census, Taxfiler and National Housing Survey results to provide an updated picture of housing in five areas: affordability, adequacy, suitability, availability and accessibility.

The completed report was first presented to joint councils last fall, but was sent back to individual councils for further discussion. Town of Drayton Valley councillors received the report as information at the Jan. 29 council meeting.

"The municipality has been aware that housing continues to be an issue in the area, but having an analysis of available data helps quantify the anecdotal evidence councilors and administration are hearing in the community."

"To me, it helps bring some clarity," said Mayor Glenn McLean.

The report is an extensive one at 155 pages, breaking down the region and looking at the Village of Breton, the Town of Drayton Valley and Brazeau County and its hamlets.

Among its conclusions are that there appears to be limited near or non-market

affordable housing options in the area and it noted the majority of supportive housing is geared toward seniors.

The report also notes that based on the number of households spending 30 per cent or more of their income on housing, overall affordability seems to be on the decline in the area, especially for renters.

While the report touches on the potential for homelessness for those unable to find affordable or adequate housing, it doesn't look at that issue separately. Currently the Town of Drayton Valley has a separate volunteer committee examining the issues of rural poverty and homelessness.

McLean noted that while there are correlations between the two, the Housing Condition Index had a specific purpose.

"That's more geared toward what is the need for housing and what are the ways it can be addressed," he said.

The report does offer suggestions on how the town can look at moving forward to address the needs. It sets out a total of 29 recommendations broken down into four overarching goals:

1) Make better use of existing affordable housing assets and resources;

2) Encourage the development of new affordable housing;

3) Build additional community capacity to promote affordable housing;

4) Help people help themselves.

The report also sets out additional recommendations for addressing the identified housing needs of target groups such as seasonal and temporary contract workers, modest income renters and persons with special needs.

A small sampling of the recommendations includes reviewing the existing land and building assets in each community to determine if there's additional capacity

for the development of affordable housing, considering the development of a housing registry, developing annual housing priorities, goals and targets, creating policies to promote more inclusive and complete communities that include a variety of housing types, sizes and price levels, come up with a package of incentives to encourage developers to build more affordable housing.

Recommendations also included posting the Housing Condition Index to the municipalities' respective websites, looking at opportunities to develop new residential zoning options and, several items suggesting how the municipalities could act as facilitators and educators working with other individuals or groups to empower those looking for housing.

Although no concrete direction has been decided, McLean said this is still the beginning of the conversation and it's one town councilors are committed to.

"I think it's a very big concern for all of us," he said.

He anticipates the conversation with Brazeau County will continue in such a way that the municipalities could move forward on initiatives jointly, or individually.

He also noted that while the council is dedicated to working on the issue, it is not solely a municipal issue and will need the involvement of residents, industry and developers as well.

In the past the town has worked to create affordable housing and also offers programs such as Making Financial Cents to assist those trying to find housing, or move into home ownership.

The research provided by the Housing Condition Index will help inform the discussion moving forward, he said.

"I'm very encouraged by the passion in our council and in the community to try and do something about it," said McLean.

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NEWS

Reality stars to help raise funds for international Life Church project

Gold Rush and Yukon Gold stars to visit Drayton Valley

Lesley Allan
Western Review

When attempting to make the world a better place, it's important to not only look at what one can do locally, but also how the world is changing.

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make a difference" to the community's future church, as well as a local Life Church overseas in the Indian town of Spangli. A night of music, guest speakers and auctions will take place on Feb. 22.

A group that has always loved music, energetic songs are not rare in those who frequent the facility, but reality TV stars are another story. The Life Church prepares to host last members of the Discovery channel's Gold Rush and Yukon Gold.

"There's going to be a lot of people here, about 100 to 150, and it's going to be a lot of fun," says Lesley Allan, who is co-organizing the event. "We're going to have a lot of people here, about 100 to 150, and it's going to be a lot of fun."

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"I'm going to share about my faith and how it helped me to relate with the men and the people that work with me," she shares.

"It's not going to be church, it's not preachy. I'm not a pastor, I'm not a trained theologian or bible scholar. I'm just a believer that I have to use the platform that I have to use."

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do, but when we bring the Bible in and talk about love and respect and things like that, I believe it relates not just to the, but it relates to people in Alberta (Canada)."

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"So you can either teach people to fish, or you can give them fish, and lets teach them how to fish so they can be self-sufficient."

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Fire Services briefs

Courtney Whalen
Western Review

COLLISIONS ACCOUNT FOR MAJORITY OF CALLS
Motor vehicle collisions accounted for five of the eight calls members of the Drayton Valley/Brazeau County Fire Services responded to between Jan. 30-Feb. 5.

No serious injuries were reported in a single vehicle rollover that happened on Jan. 30. The collision took place down Range Road 52.

The following day there was another single vehicle collision, this one in the area of Twp. Road 482 and Range Road 34. Jan. 31, also saw firefighters from Station No. 1 in Lodgepole respond to reports of a semi trailer on fire. The vehicle was transporting a load of on fire. Crews from Station No. 3 in Drayton Valley were also dispatched, but firefighters from Station No. 1 were able to

get the situation under control quickly and their colleagues were stood down.

On Feb. 3 firefighters responded to a three-vehicle collision. In that collision the driver who is believed to have triggered the multi-vehicle collision, left the scene.

Roullout of the calls for the week was a call to a home in Drayton Valley for a suspected carbon monoxide leak. Investigation into the cause revealed a leak in the home's boiler. Two occupants were taken to the hospital with symptoms of carbon monoxide exposure.

SNOWBLOW SAFETY
Many home and property owners will be having a love/hate relationship with their snowblowers this winter, but whatever the feelings, it's important to keep safety in mind when firing up the snow removal equipment.

see FIRE on pg. 16

Need to get something off your chest?

E-mail letters to the editor to courtney.whelan@sunmedia.ca



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BRAZEAU COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of the Municipal Government Act, Brazeau County will offer for sale, by Public Auction, at the County Office, 7401 Twp Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., the following lands:

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Dated at Drayton Valley, Alberta, December 5, 2013.

Marco Schoeninger - Chief Administrative Officer

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is given that Brazeau County has filed an application under the provisions of the Water Act to construct an on and off lake of approximately 3.66 hectares and for an Approval to divert up to a maximum of 136,000 cubic meters of water annually for pit dewatering purposes, in accordance with a sand and gravel extraction operation. The operation is located at N1/2 13-05-06-W5M.

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Statements filed regarding this application are public records which are accessible by the public. Stakeholders should explain why the file is directly affected and provide the full printed name, phone number and/or email address, postal address and legal land location of concerns may affect the right to file a notice of appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

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Brazeau County council briefs

Lesley Allan
Western Review

4-H SUPPORT

Council approved a request from the 4-H Beef Interclub for the use of the cattle scale and a stalled loader to help with the weigh and move out their show on May 26. This is an in-kind donation Brazeau County has assisted with for the last four to five years and with the request, there was no cost to the county. Lesley Allan explained that the request process is an aspect of the loan process for those who are involved with 4-H.

CAMS EQUIPMENT

Council approved an increase in the 2014 budgeted amount for the capital CAMS equipment which will be used in Community Peace Officer vehicles. Previously the amount to be spent was set at \$15,000, but with the increase of \$2,000 it is now set at \$17,000. Currently the county has the same sort of systems installed in its graders. The funds will come out of community.

CENTRAL HALL

A motion was passed to support a request for financial assistance made by the Central Recreation Association, following a broken water line that damaged the Central Community Hall's floor, walls and furniture. Council approved the availability of up to \$5,000 for insurance premiums, as well as \$1,000 for a new sump pump for the facility.

Fire Services briefs

FIRE from pg. 15

Drayton Valley Brazeau County Fire Services Fire Chief Tom Thompson said statistics show that last year approximately 3,300 snowblower related injuries were reported. The majority of those were finger injuries or amputations and back or shoulder strain.

To avoid becoming part of the statistics there are several things residents should remember when using their snowblowers. Before firing it up, make sure you're dressed appropriately. Never wear loose clothing, or items that could get caught in the machine. Avoid slipping on icy surfaces by wearing boots with good traction. It's also a good idea to consider hearing protection, especially for gas-powered blowers, which tend to run at noise levels above 85 decibels. Also, be sure to do a check of your driveway and walkway to clear them of any debris that could get caught in the snow blower and then become dangerous projectiles.

If something does get stuck in the snowblower, or it gets blocked with snow, take the proper steps to clear the blockage. Always turn off the snowblower and unplug it if it's an electric machine. Don't use your hands or feet to clear the equipment. Instead, grab a heavy handle or stick. Those who have electric snowblowers should plug into a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) and be sure to use an outside extension cord when operating.

To avoid other dangers be sure never to start your gas-powered snowblower in an enclosed area like a garage or shed. Also, when you need to refuel turn the blower off and let it cool down before dumping your gas in. Finally, never let children operate snowblowers and when the equipment is in use keep both children and pets away from the blower and the discharge. Not only is there the chance that debris picked up by the snowblower could spray out and cause injury, but smaller children and animals could get buried in the cleared snow.

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NOTICE OF APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

The following Development Permit has been issued by the Brazeau County Development Authority:

PROPOSAL:

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Pl. NE10-49-5-W5M

FILE:

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Written notice of an appeal for this permit, containing reasons for the appeal, and a \$250.00 appeal fee must be received by the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, either by hand or registered mail, at the Offices of Brazeau County by 5:00 p.m., **February 25, 2014**.

For further information, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 780-542-2667



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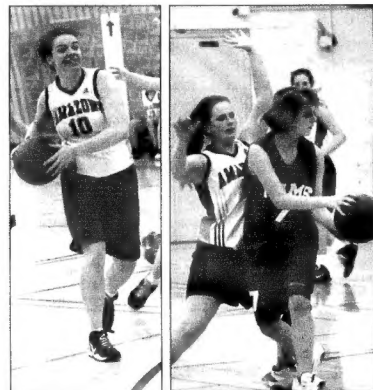
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Persons who wish to express an opinion on this application may attend the Hearing on Thursday, February 20, 2014 noted above or submit written comments in advance to the undersigned.

**Marco Schoeninger, Secretary
Subdivision and Development Appeal Board**

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WEEKEND ON THE COURT



Courtney Whalen Western Review

The FMRS Warriors and Amazons basketball teams hosted a tournament last weekend with teams from as close as Breton and Evansburg and those from further away like Edson, Slave Lake, Okotoks and Thunderchild. The Amazons played the Warriors from Slave Lake on the morning of Feb. 8 (AMSO) on their way to a second place finish in the tournament and being recognized with the Sportsmanship Award on the weekend. At 8:00 p.m. the Breton Warriors team came on strong in the first half of their game against the Parkland Pacers on Feb. 7 before faltering in the second half.

Wildcats move on to round two of playoffs

Western Review Staff

An overtime win against the Athabasca Aces on Feb. 8 means the Drayton Valley Wildcats are heading to the second round of playoffs in the North Central Hockey League. The Cats travelled to Athabasca last Saturday for Game 2 in the best-of-three first round after beating the Aces on home ice Feb. 1. The home team didn't make it easy for

the Wildcats to sweep the series, with the score tied 4-4 at the end of regulation. However, the Wildcats were able to clinch the series in overtime with a final score of 5-4. The remainder of the round one series also wrapped up last weekend and the NCHL will head into round two this weekend. The Wildcats, who sat atop the South Division standings in the regular season and third overall in the nine-team

league, will face the Whitecourt Wild in the upcoming second round. The Wildcats faced the Wild twice in the regular season with the teams' each taking a win. The final schedule for the second round of playoffs hadn't been posted by press time. For the latest information go online to www.northcentralhockeyleague.com or find the Drayton Valley Wildcats Hockey on Facebook.



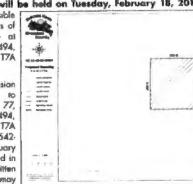
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council has received an application to amend its land use bylaw by redesignating part of NE 16-48-8-W5M [approx. 1.2 ha (3 acres)] from Agriculture (A2) to Recreation (R) as shown on the accompanying map. If approved, the applicant intends to continue running the existing RV Park.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Brazeau County Council will hold a Public Hearing at which any person claiming to be affected by the proposed redesignation may ask questions or make their views known. The Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** or, as soon thereafter as possible in the Council Chambers of Brazeau County office at 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1.

Any written submission mailed or delivered to Brazeau County, Box 77, 7401 Township Road 494, Drayton Valley, Alberta, T7A 1R1 or faxed to 780-542-7777 by 4:30 p.m., February 6, 2014, will be included in the Council Report. Written and oral submissions may also be made at the Council meeting without prior notification to Brazeau County. If you make a written submission, the information you provide may be made public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act. A petition may be filed with the Brazeau County Chief Administrative Officer as outlined in section 219(23) of the Municipal Government Act, prior to the commencement of the Public Hearing. A copy of the Recreation District (R) and this bylaw is available for public inspection at the Brazeau County Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please contact Planning & Development by telephone (780) 542-2667 or by e-mail at benjamin@brazeau.ab.ca



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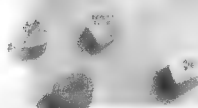
Some people aren't using the TFSA to its full advantage

Kim Inglis
Special to QM Agency

Recent data indicate that Canadians are saving more. Statistics Canada reports the House of Commons' 2013 Tax and Savings Report is a 4.4 per cent increase from the previous year. Taxpayers are now saving more in Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) than in Registered Retirement Savings Accounts (RRSP).

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lower return levels. Consider an investor who puts \$5,000 into a TFSA at the beginning of every year for the next 20 years, invested in a product generating a 6 per cent gain per year. After 20 years, the TFSA would be worth \$194,964. In comparison, if the investment was made in a non-registered account and taxed at a marginal rate of 32 per cent, the balance would be \$156,258. The \$38,706 difference speaks for itself.

Since 2013 the TFSA contribution limits are

\$5,500 per year, up from \$5,000 per year from 2009 through 2012. An investor who has never contributed to a TFSA, and has been eligible to do so since 2009, can invest up to \$11,000 this year.

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school notebook

BRETTON HIGH SCHOOL

Anyone new who is interested in attending Bretton High School for Term 2 please enrol as soon as possible. Term 2 has a new Report Cards were issued on Feb. 3 there is an assembly on Feb. 17. There is a town hall public meeting about education being held in Drayton Valley on Feb. 11 from 6:30 p.m. at Eldorado Elementary School. Everyone is welcome. Bretton High parent teacher meet series will be held Mar. 18 from 4-7 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY

ITV ACADMY
Europe trip 2014 is continuing to take registrations now. All interested travellers should sign up as soon as possible to assist a place on the trip. Please contact Ms. Duperon at the school for more information.

Tonight (Feb. 11) at 7 p.m. will be the next school council meeting. The meeting will be held in the library annex room. Please plan to attend and support Holy Trinity Academy.

The Government of Alberta has mailed the annual Accountability Pilot Survey to parents of Grade 10 students. Please watch for yours in the mail. Staff and students will be completing an online survey at school between Jan. 27 and Feb. 14.

While parent surveys for students in Grade 10 and Grade 12 have been sent home staff and students will be completing these surveys at school between Jan. 27 and Feb. 14.

Your feedback is important, so please take the time to complete both surveys when you receive them. The results will provide valuable information that helps us provide the best possible opportunities and experiences for our students, parents and staff. Grad photos will be taken on Feb. 18. Please contact the school office for more information regarding sign up times.

There will be no school for staff and students on Feb. 17 for Family Day.
H.W. PICKUP
Congratulations to Rob Perry and his club wres-

ting team, the boys travelled to the Butterdome to participate in one of the most challenging tournaments of the season. Broad won a gold medal and seven other boys played from 4th to 15th in the inter-provincial 'well done'.

Mrs. Hink is pleased to announce that the Overdrive Library is now down and H.W. Pickup students are the majority of students using this free library downloading opportunity. School librarians have worked diligently to provide this service to students and staff.

Inter-annual volleyball is off to a great start. Thank you to all teams participating.

Huskeys will travel to Mayershorpe this weekend to compete in senior basketball tournament play. Tons of luck, all players and coaches! Play well, too, on the Feb. 11, visit from Fox Creek teams!

A long list of volunteers of the week, this week Thank you to the following winter education coaches who Grade 8 science students had at their leaders two weeks ago: Mande Wilson, Rita Powell, Dol-lard O'Connor, Elaine and Brian Lamboune, and Jean-ette Kookhwa!

A reminder that Monday, Feb. 17 is Family Day. Please have three day week and students and staff!

A reminder that next week is PAC meeting night on Feb. 18. All parents welcome to attend, 7 p.m. in the staff room.

AURORA
Valentine Dress-up Day is on Feb. 14. Everyone please dress in your red and whites and show your school spirit. Individual class parties and events will be announced by the classroom teacher.

The Grade 6 students are off on a ski trip to Rabbit Hill on Friday. Have a great time and remember to dress warmly, with extra socks, good mitts and head covering.

The next meeting of the PAC is scheduled for Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. in the library. The Alberta Opera is coming to perform ALADIN at Aurora on Feb. 20. The performance will take

place in the gym at 9:30 a.m. Please mark this exciting event on your calendar. We hope you can come and enjoy this wonderful show.

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For current updates and photos you can follow us on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Sour-ingwithspirit. You'll find photos of our latest art projects, activities and can-

did shots of students and staff. Also, any pertinent information that may affect daily routines etc. Please join us.

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for us, Mr. Patty has agreed to grace us with his presence on our calendar for semester two.

Students who are considering a timetable change need to complete it this week by making an appointment in the office with Mr. McNeil and/or Mrs. Close.

Advanced Acting, headed by Mr. Wheeler, will be presenting their production of 12 Angry Jurors on Feb. 20, 21, and 22 at 7 p.m.

Frank Maddock is starting a new choral ensemble. Students with vocal experience are asked to speak with Mr. Palsky or Ms. Cartwright for information.

Theatre Prospero auditions for Macbeth will be held Feb. 11 at noon in the drama room. (Theatre Prospero will be joining us from March 3-March 11 to work on staging a production of Shakespeare's Scottish play)

We have a PD Day Mar. 7, and At-Risk letters and progress reports should be sent out by Mar. 14. Parents see **NOTEBOOK** on pg. 31

teacher interviews will be Mar. 18.

EVERGREEN
While you enjoyed extra time with your children, teachers spent Feb. 6 and Feb. 7 in attendance at the North Central Teachers' Convention, which was held in Edmonton. Many of the sessions provided teachers with new and different strategies to further improve student learning.

As you are likely aware, this is Random Acts of Kindness Week. For ideas and more information, you can go to www.randomactsofkindness.com.

Grade 2H2, finish their swimming lessons this week, and Grade 2W will start their lessons.

Students in all grades have been rehearsing a song to sing with Alberta Opera during their visit to our school on Feb. 20. The opera company will be performing their rendition of Aladdin for our students. Watch for further information.

see **NOTEBOOK** on pg. 31

Winter is generally a good time to burn brush piles. But if the fire is not put out properly, it can smoulder underground and resurface as a wildfire. Please check your fall and winter burn piles early in the spring to make sure they're out. If you plan to burn during the fire season, March 1 to October 31, you need a permit. For more information, call your local Environment and Sustainable Resource Development office.

MAKE SURE IT'S OUT CHECK YOUR BRUSH PILE BURNING



school notebook

ST. ANTHONY

Thank you to the Health Action Team for baking scrumptious healthy muffins for students to enjoy after their (indoor) winter break on Feb. 5.

Student Council news: There will be a photo booth for students in grades 10 to 12 available throughout the day on Feb. 13 and cost for a photo is \$2. The photo booth will also be available at the same cost, for the dance that evening for grades seven and eight. Dance entry is also \$2.

All proceeds from the dance and the photo booth will be donated to Jayden Stad's family - a former student who is battling cancer.

If anyone has yarn or wool they would like to donate to the school, our Grade 5 class would greatly appreciate it.

Mrs. Mallory would like to thank all the parents that came and helped ice skates when her class was skating.

Preschool and Kindergarten registration might will be held Feb. 27 at 7 p.m.

Shark Park Playground upcoming fundraisers:
Feb. 20 - We are doing the concession for the basketball game! Quesadillas and other treats will be sold.

March 22 - Movie at the St. Anthony School gym. Movie is Frozen! Start time is 2 p.m. Bring your lawn chair, blanket or pillow. \$10/family (parent supervision is required) popcorn and other treats will be available for purchase.

April 28 - John Kaplan (a magician) is coming to town. Show will be at the EPAC.

May 11 - Mother's Day Brunch - Catered by Cobblestone Café. If you are able to help out in any way please call Jessica Patterson at 780-898-5853. All proceeds go toward the new playground at the St. Anthony School.

Our librarian, Mrs. Lord, will be doing the monthly Scholastic book orders. If you have more than one student, you can put both orders together and enclose only one cheque made out to Scholastic Canada.

Lid. Please make sure that your child's name is on the order forms. Thank you so much for your support as it helps us in supplement our library with free books. Happy reading!

Canadian Ice Jump Start program sponsors children financially to enable them to participate in organized sports. Please contact Karen Tetrauk at 780-542-4116 for confidential referrals and applications, or for more information.

News from the Shark tank: Running club will practice on Feb. 13 and then be taking part in the 16th Annual Edmonton Journal Indoor Games on Feb. 18.

Girls' and boys' basketball games (girls will play first)
Feb. 19 - (away) at Breton
Feb. 20 - (home) vs HWP

Please come out and watch as St. Anthony Sharks take a "bite" out of the competition. Good luck to the both the boys and girls teams. Go Sharks!

Important reminders:
There is a handicapped parking spot on the south side of the crosswalk in the front of the school. It is marked with blue paint. Please make sure that you are not parked in this spot, as this spot needs to be available for those who require it.

Cold and flu season is here! Please keep your child/children home if they are unwell.

Please make sure your child/children have weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them every day.

Please pull into a parking spot (where there is NO yellow paint) when dropping off or picking up students in the back or front parking lots of the school.

Office hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Parents, please make sure you call the office or email kerrin.linnemeyer@starchatholic.ab.ca if your child will be late or absent.

If you have reached the answering machine please leave a message as staff are unavailable to answer the phone.

Important dates to remember in February:
11 - Skating Grade 7 &

1/Th Kinder
12 - Skating Grade 8, 2 & 3
13 - Tim Hortons Snack Day, Student Union Valentine's dance fundraiser
14 - Skating Grade 2/3

17 - Family Day no school
18 - Skating Grade 8 & FT Kinder, Running club participating in the Edmonton Journal Indoor Games
19 - Skating Grade 1M, 1P, 2/1 & 3

20 - Pancake snack, Skating Grade 1M & 1P
21 - Skating Grade 1M & 1P

Please check our website <http://stan.starchatholic.ab.ca/> for up-to-date information.

DRAYTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
By DCS News Team
This week grades four to nine students had the privilege of taking time to listen to four amazing speakers.

Asia came to teach the students about what's going on all around the world. Asia also taught us that ideas have consequences. The group also discussed how the biggest issue in the world today is not unanswered questions, it is unquestioned answers.

We are also learning to ask questions about Christianity, so we know how to answer questions about our faith.

The Junior high event went to Laser Quest with the whole Asia crew. Congratulations to Dolphin who won laser quest!

Kaylee said, "Laser tag was a awesome experience!"

Asia taught us not to be afraid of answering and asking questions, just because we are young, stated Mercedes.

Candy Gram! Send your friend a candy valentine! The candy grams are \$1. All of the candy grams will arrive on Valentine's Day to your classroom!

Eldorado! DCS ECS is also holding a home expo/craft fair on Mar. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Those interested in renting a table can contact Wendy Doll at 542-7066.

RIGHT TO THE BUTTON



Teachers at Evergreen Elementary School aren't letting the loss of curling ice in Drayton Valley keep them from experiencing the sport as they tried their luck at floor curling at the school recently.

Photo submitted

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ADVICE

No promotion? Are you sabotaging yourself?

Dear Working Wife

I've worked for the same company for five years and I haven't gotten a promotion. I get good job reviews and no one complains about my work, but other people around have been promoted and I've been left behind. What can I do?

Signed, Frustrated

Dear Frustrated

It's hard to know why you have been overlooked for a promotion, but I'll bet your boss knows why. Start until your anger has passed and then ask your supervisor for a meeting. Explain your career path, explain why you like your supervisor and that you are interested in talking on more of your child. Then, ask for their advice about what you need to do to earn a promotion.

Be prepared for criticism or suggestions that you will not like.

Don't get defensive. If a superior or supervisor comments on your performance, it might be a good reason to think about it. If you are not a good performer, then you may need more training. You might have stepped into a workplace trap that's holding your career back.

The four most common workplace traps are: Complaining — Every workplace has problems. Complaining will not solve them. Learning how to solve problems is a skill that can hurt your career. In fact, in a recent survey, the top workplace pet peeve is people who complain too much. Do what you can to change the situation. If that's not possible, accept it and move on. If the situation is unacceptable and you've done everything you

can, you're in a bind. If you're in a bind, you need to change it without a supervisor's permission. If you're in a bind, you need to change it without a supervisor's permission. If you're in a bind, you need to change it without a supervisor's permission.

Steer the conversation in a positive direction, e.g., "Gee, we can't do much about that, but what can we do to make things better?" Inappropriate online activities — Many employers provide their staff with e-mail and Internet access. They also keep track of their employee's Internet use. Be sure you are using your e-mail and Internet access for work-related purposes. Check with your supervisor before you use these resources for personal use and never send an e-mail or



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Is your attitude and negativity hindering your climb up the corporate ladder? Approach your supervisor with an open mind when questioning why that promotion went to someone else.

visit a website that you wouldn't want your supervisor to see. Comparing — Dwelling on how much better your co-workers were promoted than you is a waste of your time. It destroys your morale and keeps you from taking positive action. Have a conversation with your supervisor about your goals, make a plan that you both agree will take

your career in the right direction, and follow it. Catch your supervisor's attention by learning new skills or volunteering for a project. Bringing a positive and professional attitude to work with you every day is the best way to avoid workplace traps and give your career a lift. For more career tips, visit the

Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) website at <http://alis.alberta.ca>. Do you have a work-related question? Send your questions to Working Wife at charles.strachey@alis.alberta.ca. Charles Strachey is a manager with Alberta Human Services. This column is provided for general information.



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NEWS

AFSC deadline approaching on Feb. 28

AFM from pg. 34

Of course, nobody can predict what will happen this spring, says ARB provincial soil moisture specialist Ralph Wright.

"I could be wet or the snow could melt quickly, things could turn hot and dry. It is a cold and the snow could linger, delaying hay and pasture growth. There are still two months of winter left. Anything is possible. It's really a wait and see game because weather is so random," Wright says.

Unpredictable weather is the biggest reason Alberta producers insure about 2.5 million acres of hay and pasture across the province every year through AFSC Perennial Insurance programs, says Kresowaty.

Cattle producer Dennis Herman says an "unreal amount of snow" on his farm near Bluffton has him feeling fairly positive about his hay and pasture this year.

"The snow is over our lanes etc. where," says Herman, adding he's hoping for a slow melt. "We'll still need a good shot of spring rain at the end of April to really get the grass growing. It's a wait."

Herman thinks his soil moisture probably isn't too bad thanks to rain in September and Oct. to her, although he's quick to admit anything can happen.

"Only fools and newcomers try to predict the weather," he says, explaining that's why he insures his hay and pasture every year.

"We have about 800 cattle right now so feed is critical for us. Insurance guarantees that we'll have some money to buy replacement feed in a dry year. In 2002, we were dried right out and we got about \$70,000 out of the program. It was a lifeline," he says.

New to Perennial Insurance this year is the addition of 12 new weather stations to the provincial network. AFM uses to determine payouts on Perennial Insurance programs for hay and pasture.

"We now have 138 weather stations across Alberta that measure precipitation and other weather data," says Kresowaty.

It's important to have as many stations as possible so clients can select stations in close proximity to their land base that best represent weather conditions on their farm," he says.

Farmers who take Moisture Deficiency Insurance on their pasture or include it as a rider on hay insurance select up to three weather stations, he explains. If accumulated moisture at these stations falls below normal over the growing season, a claim is triggered. Kresowaty says hay insurance also insures against yield losses caused by perils such as hail, flood, insects, disease, lightning, winterkill, and wildlife damage.

For more information about Perennial Insurance, farmers can contact their local AFSC Branch or the AFSC Call Centre at 1 877 899 AFSC (2372) before the Feb. 28 deadline.

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Verna Lonsdale, Executive Assistant
County of Wetaskewin No. 10
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Form and function, especially in such a highly utilized space as the kitchen, need to be equally

(disappear) with the tile. Consider adding a pot filler and even a stainless but to bring accessories from. One creative consideration would be to tile into the wall pots for growing herbs and storing cooking utensils.

Do you need to do a special feature behind the stove or sink? Possibly. As a designer I can tell you that sometimes we do and sometimes we don't — it truly depends on the overall look and feel of the room. I have used full slabs of stone and let them become the 'art' behind the stove and have hung art on top of tile and even mounted hand-carved stone medallions on top of tile.

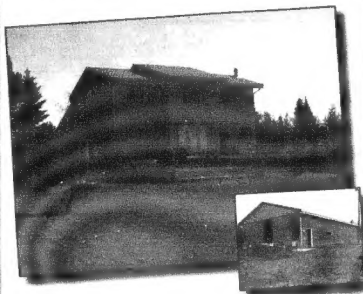
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